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BRAIDED STENT WITH SPHERICALLY ENDED WIRES

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Attached please find the following pertaining to the above-identified application.

(1) Response to Restriction Requirement consisting of 11 pages.

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2006, Applicants, through their attorney, elect Group I consisting of claims 1-8, 16-19, 31-36 and 47-54 without traverse. Please cancel claims 9-15, 20-30 and claims 37-46 without prejudice.

The present amendment comprises the following sections:

- A. Amendments to the Claims
- B. Remarks

Please grant any extension of time necessary for entry; charge any fee due to Deposit Account No. 50-1921.

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